ROCK SLIDE IN FRASER CANYON “CLOSE ONE” FOR DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Highway 1 Blocked Four Days

A huge rock and earth slide at Jackass Mountain in the Fraser Canyon brought down 25,000 yards of material early in March and blocked Highway 1 for over four days.

Eli Makeiev, Machine Operator 4, and Red Arnold, Road Foreman 2, both from Lytton, had close calls when the second of two separate slides roared down. Makeiev’s truck was totally demolished.

Report of the first slide was received by Foreman Arnold from the RCMP at 9.30 p.m., March 6. He was also informed that a camper truck was on top of the slide.

He arrived at the slide with the loader at 10.15 p.m. Boston Bar RCMP arranged for a wrecker and the camper truck was removed from the slide. Boston Bar Foreman Vince Adamski also received a call at 10.15 p.m. reporting the highway was closed by a rock slide. The Boston Bar truck notified Foreman Adamski the slide required a larger loader. In the meantime, Foreman Arnold proceeded to cut one lane through the slide. When this was completed they thought it necessary to place some fine material to level the rough sections before allowing traffic to proceed.

The first inspection of the single lane was carried out by Foremen Arnold and Adamski, with District Technician Nick Graboski. When this was completed the second and final slide came down.

Foreman Arnold was still in the loader and had to back out in a hurry and Truck-driver Makeiev was flagging on the east end and was forced to leave his vehicle and run.

At 1.30 a.m., Tuesday, District Technician Graboski called out Tommy Taverna, Road Maintenance Foreman 4, at Lytton, to check on the safety of Eli Makeiev on the east side. This was checked out by Foreman Taverna at 2.30 a.m. and it was confirmed that all personnel were safe.

The slide was assessed by R. G. White, Regional Highway Engineer; D. C. MacVicar, Regional Maintenance Engineer; Roger Pratt, Regional Materials Engineer; and Bill Helmsing, District Superintendent, both from the ground and air, and by this time major equipment had started to move in for the clean-up.

Early in the morning of March 7, 1972, Foreman Adamski and Lee Desmarais, of the Lytton crew, went to a house at the base of the slide to again confirm that it was not occupied.

Regional Construction Foreman Frank Lofting came in from Kamloops to supervise the job, assisted by members of the Fraser Canyon section supervisory staff. Scaling and clean-up work was still in progress toward the end of March.

Spectacular aerial photo of Jackass Mountain slide, March 6, shows extent of British Columbia Highway 1 covered. Note size of vehicles on road (top left) and abandoned house at the toe of the slide. Bottom photo shows group of Department personnel on the scene during four-day clean-up operation. They are, left to right, Red Arnold, Road Maintenance Foreman 2, Lytton; Eli Makeiev, Machine Operator 4, Lytton; Vince Adamski, Road Maintenance Foreman 2, Boston Bar; Tom Taverna, Road Maintenance Foreman 4, Lytton; Bill Helmsing; Merritt District Superintendent; and Walt Caryk, Shop Foreman, Boston Bar.
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COVER PHOTO

Typical northern winter scene, snow-ploughing on Teleditch Road west of Prince George. Truck plough is operating out of Prince George District.

—Photo by Road Maintenance Foreman J. B. Underwood

Two photographs of winter road conditions from the Revelstoke District—top, the Mica Access road 70 miles north of Revelstoke, above, Searl blower widening the road 2 miles west of Revelstoke on Highway 1.
T. V. (Vic) Vickers was appointed Bridge Inspection Engineer at Victoria in February. He has been Computer Engineer for the Bridge Design Office since 1968. Vic graduated from UBC in Civil Engineering in 1953 and originally joined the Construction Branch. He subsequently worked for a construction contractor in British Columbia and consulting engineer firms in Glasglow, Scotland, before returning to the Department. Vic has served 12 years with the Department, 10 of these with the Bridge Design Office.

NORMAN TAYLOR has recently been promoted to Mechanical Foreman in Duncan. Norm is married with one child and is looking forward to lots of fishing in the Cowichan Bay area.

A. C. (Scotty) Neil, Assistant Mechanical Foreman 3, has won the position of Mechanical Foreman at McBride. Scotty was interested in many community affairs and his former colleagues in the Lillooet District wish him and his family well in his new position.

KEN GREENWAY has won the position of Road Maintenance Foreman 3 at Pender Island. Ken worked many years for the Lillooet District as Road Foreman. He and his family will be missed in the Lillooet District, and best wishes go with them.

MRS. N. OLIVER, after 5½ years in the Personnel department of the Liquor Control Board, has won through competition the position of Clerk 3 in Headquarters Personnel Branch. Nora is keen on all sports and enjoys sewing, crocheting, and knitting.

H. G. Hunter, formerly Mechanic Foreman 4 at Cloverdale, joined the staff of the Headquarters Equipment Branch recently as Mechanical Superintendent 2. Mr. Hunter has a lengthy service in the mechanical field, having served with the Air Force from 1938 to 1946. He joined the Highways Department in January 1956 as Mechanic 6 at Kamloops, was promoted to Mechanic Foreman 3 in 1957, and transferred to Cloverdale in 1963, where he was promoted to Mechanic Foreman 4 in 1963. Gordon is married with four grown children.

WILLIAM (Bill) Green, of the Pouce Coupe District, recently won the position of Head Ferryman on the Clayhurst Ferry, located 34 miles north of Pouce Coupe on the Peace River. Bill has been on the ferry since 1958 and knows the waters well. His dominant interest is horses.

RUSS BROUGHTON recently transferred to the Pouce Coupe District where he was promoted to the position of Assistant Shop Foreman. Russ and his wife, Sharon, have two children of their own and a foster child. Russ will be known in places such as Creston, Nelson, and Lillooet where he has previously worked.

LARRY CHURCHILL won through competition the position of Mechanic Foreman Grade 1 at 100 Mile House. Larry had left the Williams Lake Shop only in January 1971 to take the position of Assistant Mechanical Foreman in New Denver. His former colleagues are happy to have Larry back in the Williams Lake District.

RON GRANT recently won through competition the position of Technician 1 with Headquarters Planning Branch. Ron was formerly a draughtsman with the Location Branch, Design Section. His new duties will be assisting Municipal Programmes Engineer J. A. Stewart. Ron’s hobbies include all sports.

CLIFF SCHNEIDER recently won through competition the position of Road Foreman 3 at Keremeos in the Penticton Highway District. Cliff has worked for the Department since 1951.

MRS. C. JILL BORNOWSKY, Clerk-Statistician 2, has won through competition the position of Clerk 3 in the Cranbrook office. Jill previously worked for the Motor Carrier Branch and started with the Highway Department January 3, 1968. Jill has two daughters and her hobby is sewing.

ALLAN JAMES KERNAGHAN, Engineering Assistant, Cranbrook District, has been reclassified to Technician 1. Al started with the Department May 15, 1956, worked with the Construction Branch for five years, Location Branch for four years in Region 2, and transferred to Cranbrook in May 1965. Al is married with three daughters. His hobbies are fishing and hunting.

MISS SHARLOTTE BEAUCHEMIN was the successful applicant for the position of Radio-Teletype Operator for Prince George. Prior to her appointment, Sharlotte was the Voucher Clerk in Prince George. She has worked for the Department since March 1971, when she transferred to Prince George from the Victoria Superannuation Branch.

MRS. CAROL PINHORN won the position of Clerk 3 in the Williams Lake Office and started her duties December 1, 1971. Carol and her husband moved to William Lake in July from Vancouver.

T. (Tom) Myers recently earned a promotion to Stockman 4 with the Region I electrical crew. He started with the Department in October 1968 as a yardman after more than 25 years of stock-handling experience in private industry. Tom, who was raised in the New Westminster area, is married with one son. His main hobby is music and he is an accomplished saxophone and clarinet player.

ROBERT J. SEARS has won the position of Stockman 4 in the Williams Lake Shop and started his duties February 1, 1972. Robert and his family are looking forward to life in the Cariboo.
PROMOTIONS (cont.)

E. C. (ED) HOGG recently won through competition the position of Mechanic Foreman 2 for the Burns Lake District Shop. Ed was formerly Assistant Mechanic Foreman 1 at the 100 Mile House Shop. He started working for the Department in October 1959. He is married and has four grown children. His hobbies are hunting and fishing and he was a member of the 100 Mile House square dancing club.

K. C. KOEBERNICK has been appointed Mechanic 2, Fort St. John District. He was formerly Mechanic 1A, Fort St. John District.

A. M. M. MacINTYRE has been appointed Mechanic 2, Port Hardy, Courtenay District. He was formerly Mechanic 1A, Fort St. John District.

M. V. BERGLUND has been appointed Mechanic 2, North Vancouver District. He was formerly Mechanic 1A, Squamish, North Vancouver District.

R. E. ROBERTSON has been appointed Assistant Mechanic Foreman 1, 54 Mile Camp, Revelstoke District. He was formerly Mechanic 2, Revelstoke District.

L. A. MERRETT has been appointed Assistant Mechanic Foreman 1, Williams Lake District. He was formerly Mechanic 2, Williams Lake District.

C. N. KOEL has been appointed Assistant Mechanic Foreman 1, Cranbrook District. He was formerly Mechanic 2, Alberni, Nanaimo District.

W. H. REYNOLDS has been appointed Road Foreman 1, Gambier Island, North Vancouver District.

R. J. MARSHALL has been appointed Assistant Mechanic Foreman 1, Creston, Nelson District. He was formerly Mechanic 2, Creston, Nelson District.

J. BALOGH has been appointed Engineering Assistant, Dock District, New Westminster District. He was formerly Engineering Aide 2, Construction Branch.

F. R. JOHNSON has been appointed Road Foreman 1, Logan Lake, Kamloops District. He was formerly Machine Operator 9, Ashcroft, Lillooet District.

WEDDINGS

LORRAINE HAFFTER and HOWARD TURNER were married in November 1971. Lorraine was formerly the Kamloops District Stenographer and Howie is an Engineering Assistant in charge of the Kamloops District survey crew.

MIKE TWAN, Machine Operator 4, Saanich District, was married to Joan Taafe in November 1971 at a double-ring service in Metropolitan United Church, Victoria.

ABOUT PEOPLE...

Kamloops District Office staff, back row, left to right, District Superintendent Frank Blunden, Oliver King, Frank Takenaka, Norma O'Brien, Keith McIntyre, and Betty Jones. Seated at front, left to right, Wendy Jones, Barb Koehan, and Liz Humphreys.

CLIFFORD RAMSAY joined the Location Branch in 1966 as a graduate of the British Columbia Institute of Technology in survey technology. Cliff's hobbies are varied, but perhaps the most contrasting are his love of hockey and the plants he cultivates on his balcony. He may also become the office connoisseur of fine food. On a weekend he and his wife can often be found titillating their tastebuds in one of Vancouver's fine restaurants.

LEAGH MARTELL has been with the Location Branch North Vancouver office since 1965. No "armchair quarterback," Leagh is active in both water and snow skiing, hockey, baseball, and fishing. Perhaps one day he will be immortalized in "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" for he had what may be the only spider ranch in the world.

MRS. ROSEMARIE (ROSE) FARQU-HARSON commenced work at 100 Mile House in November 1971 after being transferred from the Kamloops Testing Branch. Both Rose and her husband are enjoying the life of the Cariboo and look forward to some winter sports as well as fishing and camping in the summer. Rose also enjoys sewing, knitting, and cooking.

JOHN KRASTEL, Road Maintenance Foreman 1, Nanaimo District, and his crew are now busy preparing roads for paving on Gabriola Island.
ABOUT PEOPLE . . .

BARRIE CARLSON, Centre-line Marking Foreman, Cloverdale, started with the Department in April 1967. He and the crew under his direction are responsible for the centre lines in Region 3. He is a good golfer and is interested in cars . . . Corvettes. Barrie is single.

S. REYNOLDS, presently with the Planning Branch, is a recent graduate of the Engineering Training Programme. During the past two years with the Branch, Steve has been in charge of a Secondary Highway Study. Steve’s hobbies are scuba diving and snow or water skiing.

H. DELCOURT, Centre-line Marking Foreman, Cloverdale, has been with the Department since April 1951. All of the time has been spent on the centre-line crew and his duties have taken him to all regions of the Province. He is married and has seven children.

Two of the “older and wiser” machine operators in the Prince Coupee District. Left is Steve Gilbert, who has operated a grader in the Rolla area for many years. He started with the Department in 1953. On the right is George (Brook) Brookbank, who has been a truck driver at Prince Coupee since 1954. Both are confirmed northerners.

VERN FLINTOFF, Machinery Operator, centre-line crew, Cloverdale, has worked for the Department since July 1966. He presently drives the centre-line marking-truck that operates in Region 4. He is married and is an ardent fisherman.

P. E. (PERCY) PARENT, Clerk 5, has recently been Relief Office Manager in the Prince Rupert District Office. Percy has worked in the Kamlloops and Prince George District Offices during the past two years. He is married and enjoys reading and hunting.

Fred Buxton joined the Department in 1959 as Patrolman on Oak Street Bridge, North Vancouver. Now Road Foreman 1 on Saturna Island in the Saanich District, Fred is married and has four children.

MRS. OLIVE FRIESEN recently joined the Department of Highways in Penticton as Clerk-Stenographer.

JERILYN DELLOW, Clerk-Stenographer, joined the Rossland office staff in September 1971. She is married and has one child. Her hobbies are snowshoeing and looking after two dogs, three birds, 23 goldfish, and any stray cat, if she dares.

S. R. EYRENOI DS, presently with the Planning Branch, is a recent graduate of the Engineering Training Programme. During the past two years with the Branch, Steve has been in charge of a Secondary Highway Study. Steve’s hobbies are scuba diving and snow or water skiing.

WENDA SCOTT joined the Prince Rupert District Office in June 1971 as Clerk-Stenographer 2. She is married and has lived here most of her life. Her hobbies are reading and sewing.

DONALD OEE, Mechanic with the Prince Rupert Highway District since February 1957. Besides having the shortest surname in the Department, he is married with two children and interested in most sports and the outdoors.

W. MCDONALD has been a Radio-Teletype Operator for Region 2 since July 1968. He enjoys his job, is married, and has three children. His hobbies are reading, swimming, camping, and gardening.

BILL MCFARLANE, Machine Operator 4, Langford, Saanich District, suffered a fire at his home in Victoria in December 1971, with a loss of personal belongings. A collection was taken from the district crews and put toward new furniture. Bill is married and has nine children.
GEORGE WA RINGTON, Mechanical Foreman 4, Prince George District. Geoff worked for the Department in Pouce Coupe and Good Hope Lake before moving to Prince George. He is married with three children. He belongs to the Toastmaster's Club and is presently taking swimming lessons.

MRS. SHARON JACOBSON, Clerk 2, Prince George District Office, is the new Voucher Clerk. Sharon is married with three children, is an ardent bowler, and is interested in handicrafts. She started with the Department in January.

GARY ARNETT, Yardman, Prince George District. Gary has worked for the Department for three years. He is married and his hobby is fishing.

R. CARELLI, Yardman, Prince George District, has worked for the Department for six months. He is married and has a seven-year-old son. He enjoys hunting.

DICK WHEALE, Yardman, Nanaimo District, is kept busy on mechanical and maintenance stores.

NORMA OBRIEN was recently appointed as Clerk 2 (Assistant Timekeeper) in the Kamloops District Office. She moved to Kamloops from Churchill, Manitoba, where she was employed with the Federal Department of Public Works at Fort Churchill. Norma is married and has four children. Her hobbies include curling and bridge.

JOAN SMALLES has recently joined the staff of the Kamloops Regional Office as a Clerk-Typist I. Six years ago Joan moved to Kamloops from Northumberland, England. Joan is single and is an enthusiastic table tennis and bridge player.

R. MACDONALD, Bridgeman 2, Fort St. John District, joined the bridge crew in May 1968. Ray's experience with bridges, Bailey bridges in particular, go back to his service with the Royal Canadian Engineers during the Second World War on the Italian front. Since that time and prior to his employment by the Department, Ray used his considerable physical strength to make a living on his farm in the Cecil Lake area. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Legion.

JOHN KLOSTER recently joined the Penticton District as Timekeeper. His hobbies are skiing, cats, and pool.

MRS. M. WRIGHT, Clerk-Stenographer, Regional Office, Prince George. Mona started working for the Department in January this year. She is married and has three children and is presently very much involved with her family in construction of a new house, which they are building themselves.

JUNE LEE recently transferred from the Department of Mental Health and now holds the position of Clerk-Stenographer 3 with the Kamloops Regional Materials Testing Branch. In her spare time June enjoys curling, golfing, and swimming.

JUDY SEWELL, who has been with the Kamloops Regional Staff since December 1968, will be married in April and leave with her husband to reside in Fernie.

GA RY ARNETT, Yardman, Prince George District. Gary has worked for the Department for three years. He is married and his hobby is fishing.

JOHN ALLSOP recently transferred from the Department of Mental Health and now holds the position of Clerk-Stenographer 3 with the Kamloops Regional Materials Testing Branch. In her spare time June enjoys curling, golfing, and swimming.

J. CHOW, Automotive Mechanic, has worked in Prince George Shop for two years. He is married, with one boy and one girl. He enjoys playing cards.

MEL PAYNE has been busy in the Nanaimo District shop-welding snow-removal equipment that has suffered unusual stress in the difficult winter conditions this year.

JOHN ALLSOP has recently transferred from Haney Correctional Centre to the Department in Penticton as an Engineering Aide. John is married, with two children.

ALEX BRAYDEN has just returned to Nanaimo District maintenance crew to resume duties after spending several months as construction foreman in the Port Hardy area.
PEEK INTO THE PAST

Ploughing snow at Ymir, February 1943. Charlie Jeffs, now Road Foreman 4 at Nelson, was the Cat Operator and Tom Nutter, now retired, was the helper.

Half-century-old photo from Fernie District shows, left to right, Joe Frizul, Charlie Byers, and Melvin (Swede) Commons, posing on gas shovel.

Old but effective cut and fill system is shown in this 1930 photo of work at the Colony Farm Hill on the highway near Wardner in the East Kootenay. Tunnels were driven into hill and material trucked out on hand railway cars. Caption on photo said job involved 10,000 cubic yards, and unit cost was running about 22 cents.
Caterpillar 30 operated by Melvin (Swede) Commons on a 1926 snowslide at Morrissey near Fernie. Mr. Commons was later senior Road Foreman in the Fernie District from 1939 until his retirement in 1965.

Williams Lake Highway District Office staff moved to the new Law Courts Building last year. The Highway office is located on the third floor. Having all the Provincial departments located in one building results in more efficient and pleasant working conditions.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

Rossland District was well represented at the recent annual "25-year Continuous Service" certificate presentation and dinner given by the Honourable W. A. C. Bennett, Prime Minister. Among the recipients were, left to right, Jozek T. Gach, Bridge Labourer; Robert Glover, Machine Operator 9; Robert Jackman, Technician 2; Russell Broughton, Mechanic Foreman 2. Missing from photo is Steven Melnick, Head Ferryman, Castlegar Ferry.

DON PIGGOT, Road Foreman 4, Golden District, was recently presented with his 25-year certificate by P. B. MacCarthy, Regional Maintenance Engineer. Don will be retiring in June of this year.

OBITUARIES

MARY C. GALBRAITH, Office Manager for Prince Rupert and Terrace, died January 20, 1972, after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Galbraith started with the Department of Highways in July 1957.

JOHN B. BOURCET, Road Foreman 1, Vernon Highways District, died January 18, 1972. He started work with the Department in April 1967.
ON THE JOB...

Region 4 bridge crew driving piles for reconstruction of sea walls at north shore landing of the Francois Lake Ferry. Hired crane sits on a “uniflote” barge. Wilf Dueck, Bridgeman 2, is shown guiding the leads. Eric Schroeder, Bridgeman 2, is behind railing.

Left to right, John Nesbitt, Yasu Hashimoto, and Oliver Storze. Rock Scalers for the Geotechnical and Materials Branch, receiving chain-link fencing being delivered by Okanagan Helicopter’s Jet Ranger at a site 275 feet above Highway 1 near Boston Bar. The mesh is being used as part of a stabilization programme now under way.

Fred Kazakoff, Mechanic, Prince George District. unpacks some new parts. Fred has worked for the Department since 1965. He is married with one daughter and two grandchildren and he raises registered Hereford cattle in his spare time.

Sylvester Saunderson, Carpenter, Prince George District, has worked for the Department for 16 years. “Ves” is married with three boys and three girls. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

Albert Kennedy, Machine Operator 4, left, and Ted Cleverly, Road Maintenance Foreman 1, Nanaimo District, replacing delineators on curves near the Cameron Lake area.
Last October, Pat Wilde, left, Project Supervisor on Project 2233, out of Stewart, and with L. D. Perkins, centre, Regional Construction Engineer from Victoria, both met J. E. N. Wood, Project Supervisor on Project 2234 of the Cassiar end, at the boundary of the two projects. These two jobs form the last uncompleted gap in the Stewart-Cassiar Highway. The tracked vehicles are Department “Bombardiers.”

Allen Rankin, Machine Operator 5, Langford crew, operating a winch clearing right-of-way on Project 702. “Al” has been with the Department since 1960.

Richard (Wilt) Widmark, Road Maintenance Foreman, Thetis Island, keeps his hand in operating a loader on the island.

Prince George District bridge crew, left to right, Jim Gunn, Pat Fux, and Len Thatcher, reconstruction on Cummings Bridge.

Dale Cooper, Road Maintenance Foreman, Lake Cowichan, wonders where he is going to find room for an additional snowfall in the Honeymoon Bay area.

Cecil Kennedy, Machine Operator 9, Langford crew, on the job at Black Creek clearing right-of-way on Project 702. “Cec” has been with the Department since 1967. He is married and has three children.

Norman Porter, Powder Man 2, Nanaimo District, repairing a jack-hammer on the job. Norman is continually engaged at drilling and blasting rock on Vancouver Island.
E. C. (TED) WEBSTER, Director of Construction, has retired from the Department after 43 years' service. Mr. Webster will join a private consulting firm of engineers in Victoria. A presentation was made by H. T. Miard, Deputy Minister, early in January, and later in the month at a dinner dance in honour of Ted and his wife, Iola, a second presentation was made by the Honourable W. D. Black, Minister, on behalf of all Headquarters employees. Ted joined the Department originally at Delta in 1929 as a chairman and until 1940 worked on various location and construction projects. Between 1940 and 1950 he had a number of supervising jobs on construction and location projects in practically all parts of the Province. He came to Victoria in 1950 as Assistant Construction Engineer and in 1957 was appointed Director of Construction.

A farewell dinner was held in Revelstoke for Mechanical Foreman ALBERT "BERT" LENNY, who retired in January after 29 years' service with the Department. Bert started as an assistant Mechanic in the Golden District in 1943, transferred to Prince Rupert in 1947, where he started the first shop, and then went to Revelstoke in 1950. Sterling McLeod, District Superintendent, presented Bert with a scroll for meritorious service. His retirement plans include boating, fishing, and prospecting.

NEIL MACLEOD recently retired as Senior Engineer on the Kootenay Lake ferries after 25 years with the Department. Born in Scotland, Neil came to Canada in 1927, arriving in Proctor. He held numerous jobs during the 30's and was one of the first engineers in the district to hold a marine diesel engineer's certificate. He served five years in the RCN and at the end of war held the rank of Commissioned Engineer. Returning to Proctor in 1947 as Engineer on the MV Anscomb, he was appointed Senior Engineer in 1952. Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod have four children. They are planning a trip to Scotland this summer to visit Neil's five sisters and two brothers.

PETER BECKER, Machine Operator 3, Cranbrook District, retired January 31, 1972, after more than 18 years' service. Peter worked on the patching crew. He was presented by G. K. Austin, District Superintendent, with his shovel autographed by fellow employees and sprayed with gold paint and lacquer and a bench grinder. Peter is married with four sons, two daughters, and 15 grandchildren. His hobby is carpentry.

CONVALESCENTS

ALEC Lotosky, Mechanic Foreman 2, of Golden District, is now out of hospital. Alec fell while cleaning ice from a roof and broke both ankles. All his fellow employees wish him a speedy recovery.

JOE PROCTOR, Timekeeper in the Nanaimo District Office, has been off work because of illness. The Nanaimo office staff wishes him a speedy recovery.

GORDON MURCHISON, Patrolman at Oak Street Bridge, is recovering at home from injuries he received in a motor-vehicle accident.
SNOW (cont.)

Pictures taken during the closure of the Fraser Canyon section of British Columbia Highway 1, January 19 to January 26, 1972. During the 24 hours of January 20 to 21, the snowfall amounted to 32 inches. Several D-8's and D-9's, along with loaders and graders, were used to clear the slides during the week the highway was closed. Left, Bell Crossing area east of Yale and, right, the east portal of Ferrabee Tunnel.

One of the more onerous tasks for the Revelstoke bridge crew is the removal of the snow and ice build-up at the end of the avalanche sheds in Rogers Pass. The task is usually completed as quickly as possible and with one eye on the avalanche path. The accumulated build-up sometimes exceeds 5 or 6 feet and can cause damage to passing vehicles.

John Hrechka, Cat Operator, Prince George, widening one of many side roads after heavy snowfall.

The Yellowhead Highway, 43 miles west of Terrace, was the scene of another derailment. The maze of equipment sprawled over Highway 16 included 11 railroad cars and two power units. Strangely, this small slide was only 6 to 10 feet deep and 25 to 30 feet long.
SAFETY AWARDS, RALLIES, INFORMATION

Presentation of the One Million Man-hours award of merit was made by the Honourable W. D. Black, Minister, during a Christmas reception at Victoria. Receiving the award is Bill Taggert, of Accounts, on behalf of all Headquarters accounting and administration personnel.

J. W. G. Kerr, Senior Geotechnical and Materials Engineer, left, received a gold award of merit on behalf of his Headquarters branch from Deputy Minister H. T. Muir. J. H. Harding, Chairman of the Headquarters Safety Committee, centre, looks on during the presentation.

Gerry Pockrant, Machine Operator, Pender Harbour, holds the hard hat that saved him from possible serious injury. Gerry was dismantling a portable shed when a portion of the gable end fell and struck him on the side of the head.

Senior Engineer N. C. MacLeod and Senior Captain C. F. Fitchett display their bronze on gold safety award received on behalf of the Nelson District ferry crews. This award was earned by the crews on the West Creston, Ghale, Harrop, and Kootenay Lake ferries. Presentation was made by Regional Safety Officer A. J. Bodnarchuk. Left to right, W. D. Silman, A. V. Scott, C. R. Walton, B. W. Root, Mr. MacLeod, A. C. Radcliffe, Captain Fitchett, W. L. Maynard, J. W. Houston, J. H. Allan, F. F. Neale, G. M. MacKinnon, W. M. Taylor, and R. M.Nicole.

The Drilling Section of the Geotechnical and Materials Branch recently won the Safety Committee's award of distinction for 232,320 man-hours without a time-loss accident. R. G. Harvey, Assistant Deputy Minister, presented the award to Tom Reid, Drilling Superintendent. Left to right are John Austin, Rockwork and Exploration Engineer; Mr. Harvey; E. B. (Bert) Wilkins, Chief Planning Engineer; Mr. Reid; Al Linnarcher, Senior Personnel Officer; and John Kerr, Senior Geotechnical and Materials Engineer.

Accident Prevention, 1972

There will be new faces and new happenings in the Highways Department Accident Prevention Group in 1972:

Region 1—Harold "Hal" Dennies, from Patrol, takes over full-time accident-prevention duties. Hal is well known in the region, having conducted a number of defensive-driving courses.

Region 2—"Stan" Palaposki, Regional Landscape Supervisor of Kamloops, is off to an energetic start with his appointment as Regional Safety Officer.

Region 4—District Superintendents "Bert" Dibben, of Pouce Coupe, and Francis Martin, of Smithers, will share duties in the region, east and west respectively.

Region 3—Tony Bodnarchuk, Regional Landscape Supervisor, after one very successful year, continues for a second. Tony and all people in Region 3 should be proud of winning the Minister's Trophy for 1971.

Harry Francis will be working in Regions 2, 3, and 4 to assist the Regional Safety Officers and promote special programmes.

Alex Caldwell will be co-ordinating a First Aid Training programme, starting in Region 1 and expanding to the other regions.

JACK DORE recently received his Ten-on-Two Club award from L. A. Broddy, Regional Highway Engineer. Jack, a Grader Operator in the Clayhurst area of the Fort St. John District, was installing the snow-wing draw-bar on his grader when it slipped from the chain hoist and fell on his left foot. Fortunately, the 300-pound bar landed on his steel-capped boot which he straightened in a vise and resumed wearing.
PATROL WINS REGION 1 SAFETY AWARD

At a banquet and dance held in the Canyon Gardens, North Vancouver, on March 17, 1972, the Patrol received the safety award for Region 1. This is the second successive year this group of employees, working under medium hazard conditions, have won this distinction. Victoria visitors were Assistant Deputy Minister R. G. Harvey; Co-ordinator of Accident Prevention, Civil Service Commission, Ben Pass; and Mechanical Superintendent, Headquarters Services Branch, H. Gordon Hunter. Local representatives were Regional Highway Engineer D. D. Godfrey, Regional Maintenance Engineer W. E. McCreer, and Vancouver District Engineer D. W. Randell under whose administration the Patrol operates. Also present was Nanaimo District Superintendent John Morris, who was there to accept an award for the most improved district record in the region.

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

J. R. "JACK" FREDRICKSON has transferred from the Prince George District to Victoria to work with the Training and Safety Branch. Jack is well known in the Location Branch, having worked there for 16 years before going to district work, first in Saanich.

MRS. LYNNE PRICE, Teletype Operator at Victoria for the past 14 years, has won through competition the position of Clerk 3 in the Saanich District office. At a presentation held in the office of the Deputy Minister, Lynne was presented with gifts by her friends at Headquarters.

WILLIAM A. ADAMS, Plant Foreman 2 for Crusher Q-22 in the Nelson District for 12 years, has transferred to Cranbrook District. Bill started with the Department in October 1957. He is married with one son and two daughters and his favourite sport is hockey.

MACK GURR, Road Foreman 3 in Bella Coola, Williams Lake District, has been transferred to Ashcroft.

HECTOR GEROW, Road Foreman 3, Saanich District, transferred from Saltspring Island crew to Langford crew as Construction Foreman. Hector has been with the Department since 1954.

"Extracurricular" Activities

The third annual British Columbia Ferry Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 11, 1972, at Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club. All employees of British Columbia Ferries Division are welcome.

Last year's championship trophy winner was Don Sleip, of Langdale, but the golfers at Tsawwassen have been sharpening up since then and now feel confident that the trophy will be resting comfortably in its original niche when the tournament is over. A bigger and better tournament is expected. In 1971 there were 31 prizes and four trophies, plus the championship trophy. In 1972, plans call for even more and better prizes.
In November last year the Reservations Department of the British Columbia Ferries Division consolidated its operation by moving into new quarters at Tsawwassen Terminal. The new office handles all passenger and vehicle reservations for the MV Queen of Prince Rupert, operating between Kelsey Bay and Prince Rupert, the MV Island Princess on the northern Vancouver Island route, and for the Mainland-Gulf Island route.

Reservations for the Queen of Prince Rupert and the Island Princess were formerly handled in a Victoria office, and Gulf Island-Mainland reservations by an office at Tsawwassen. Above, Mrs. Mary Morrow, left, and Mrs. Barb MacFarlane at the circular reservation table. Top right, Reservations Supervisor Cliff Campbell, who organized the original reservations system for the Prince Rupert service in 1966, and, bottom right, Mrs. Joy Babalos, Reservations Clerk.

Just as rolling corder was used on a farm plough, this "pavement corder" is mounted on Salmon Arm grader and works like a charm.

Pete Robinson, Road Foreman, and the crew at Kootenay Pass Camp coating the blades of a grounded helicopter with antifreeze. The chopper was on its way from Creston to Victoria when icing conditions forced it down. The antifreeze prevented further icing and the helicopter continued on its way.

Spectacular blast was caught late last year in reconstruction of Highway 3A in the Sanaa to Boswell section, Nelson District. Charge involved about 200 drill-holes.